(e) There is no specific amount allocated for any State under the scheme. All the eligible units located in Orissa may avail the benefit of the scheme, since the scheme is applicable at an All-India level.

Awareness on intellectual property rights

2297. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether only 17000 patent applications have been filed in India as compared to over two lakh patent applications filed in China;

(b) if so, whether intellectual property rights awareness is very low in our industry; and

(c) if so, what action has been taken to create adequate awareness to file more applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The applications for patents filed in India during the financial year 2004-05 are 17,466. As per the information available from the website of Chinese Patent office 130,133 applications for patents were filed during the year 2004.

(b) and (c) In order to improve awareness regarding Intellectual property rights, Government has undertaken awareness and outreach activities in association with national and international organizations, industry associations and other agencies in the form of seminars, workshops and training programmes.

Hanover Technology Fair 2006

† 2298. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India is going to participate in the Hanover Technology Fair, 2006;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the names of institutions which are going to participate in this fair

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.